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THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF THE LEGO CLUB

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FREE Exploriens
T-Shirt Offer
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NEW!



Search the
Stars for
Alien Life!

Decode
hidden
Messages
with Your
Exploriens
Decoder!

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new
PossiBuildities

Explore the Unknown Universe with the

EXPLORIENS



6856 Planetary Decoder

Explore a planet's surface and atmosphere with this spacecraft. Laser telescope radically rotates and engines awesomely adjust.



What galaxy is the best place to relax in?
The Whirlpool Galaxy.
• Try a red lens here.



6899 Nebula Outpost

Smile, Aliens. You're on Space TV. This mobile lab comes with a space camera, holographic screen, magnetic arms, and secret clue decoder.



Be very quiet.
I'm tracking aliens!

Nova Hunter

Nova is the toughest of the Explorien adventurers. Not even a power blast from an alien phaser will phase him. He has yet to meet an alien who can outsmart him.

Nova is the best Explorien at finding alien civilizations throughout the universe.

After a rough light-year of exploring, Nova likes to relax in the Whirlpool Galaxy and then soak up some infrared rays.

Favorite food: Moon Pies
Favorite TV Show: Nova, of course.
Favorite Hobby: Crater biking
Favorite Pet: Saturn 17-legged spider



Hey Kids!
Enter the contest
on page 15!



6854 Alien Fossilizer

This ground-scanning space vehicle is positively magnetic. Magnetic arm attracts alien clues and clue decoder helps you understand them.



Ann Droid

Ann has been stationed on the Exploriens Android Base for several hundred light-years. She is one of the most valuable and fearless explorers in space. Ann is so valuable that many outer space outlaws like the Spyrius Robots try to snatch her away from the Exploriens.

Programmed by the original space cowboy, Nova Hunter, Ann is a one-of-a-kind alien finder.

Her one weakness is clearly her head. Ann must put No. 1,536 sunscreen over her entire head when she is out in the sun. Otherwise, her circuits could overheat and cause her to malfunction.



Whew!
It's 10,000
degrees in the
shade!

Favorite food: Circuit peanuts
Favorite movie: Short Circuit
Favorite comedy team: R2-D2 and C-3PO
Favorite TV Show: Mystery Science Theater 3000

Incoming!



Use an Exploriens decoder or transparent red or blue LEGO pieces to decode the secret messages hidden throughout the magazine!



6815 Hovertron

Super speedy space scooter scans for alien secrets. Comes with hologram stickers.



6958 Android Base

The space base that Exploriens call home. It comes with the works; ground cruiser, space plane, scanners, decoders, satellite dish, Ann Droid, and hologram stickers.

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Try a blue lens here.



Check out the #6982 Exploriens Starship Wall Poster on page 8!

COOL CREATIONS

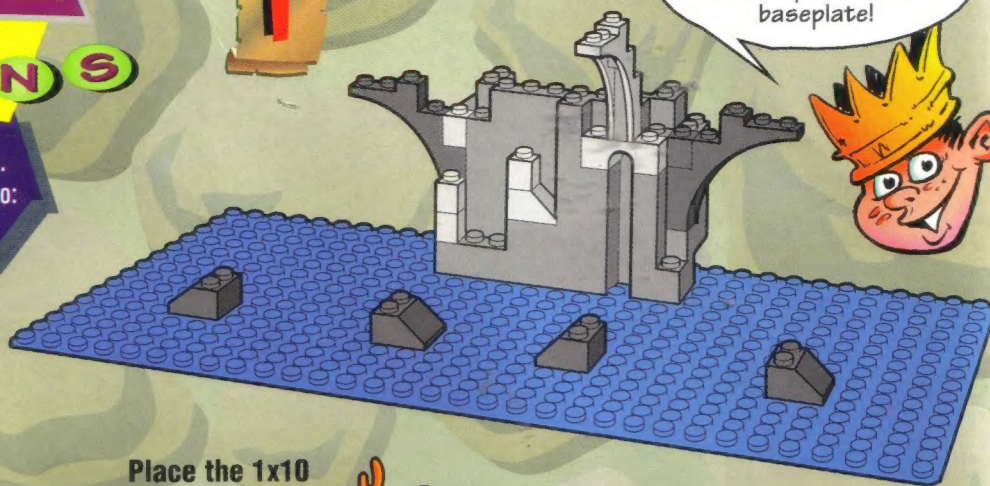
For Kids
By Kids

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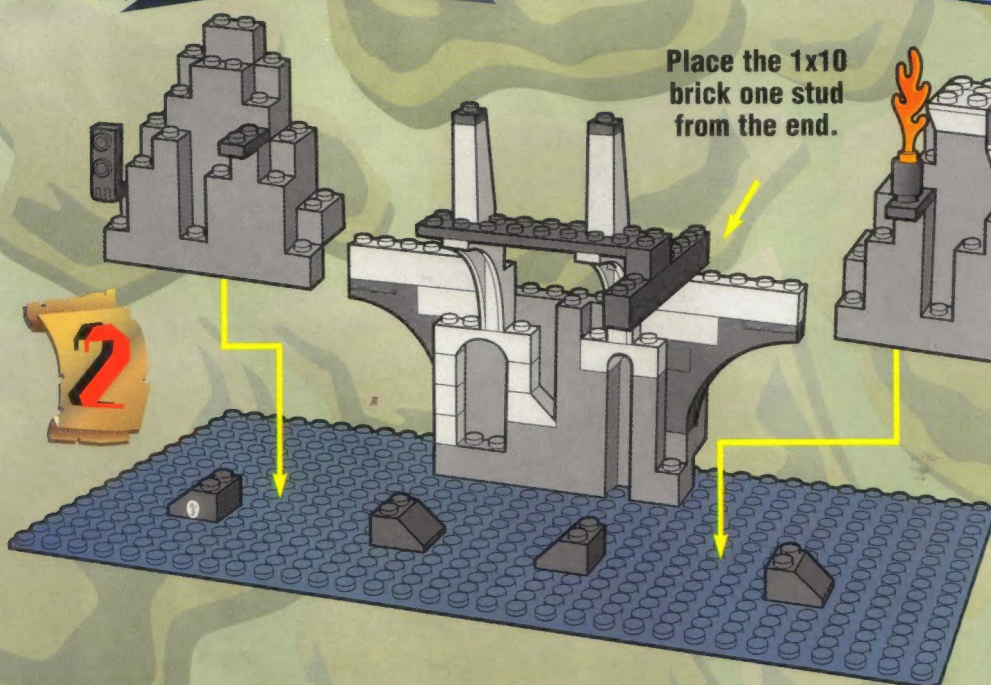
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Check
the spacing
between
bricks put on the
baseplate!



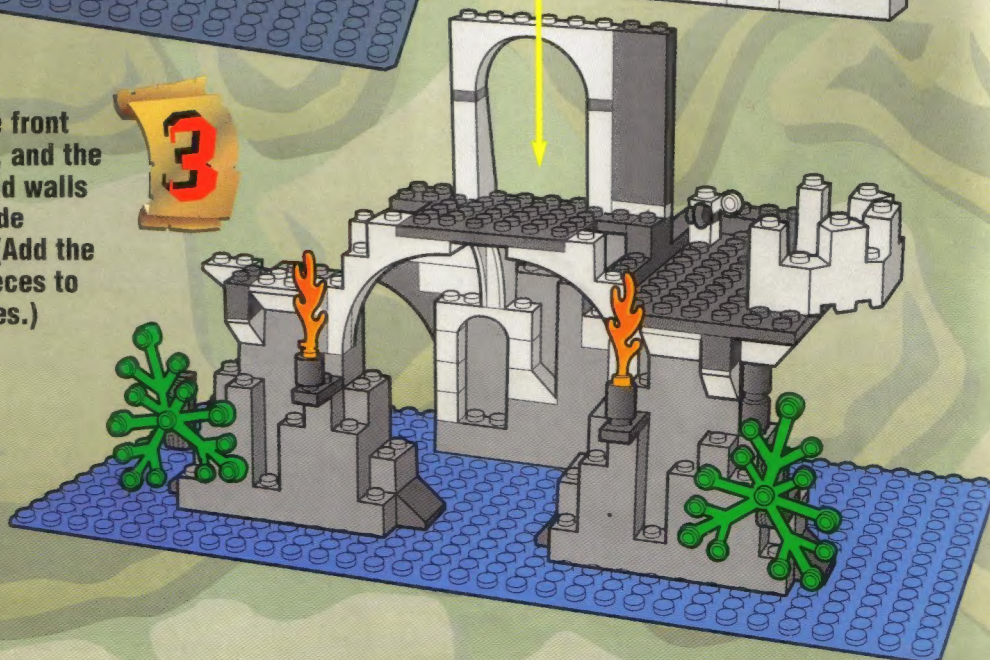
Place the 1x10
brick one stud
from the end.

Add
the same
details to
both
rock
pieces!



Build the front
archway, and the
floors and walls
of the side
towers. (Add the
same pieces to
both sides.)

3



What
galaxy can
you wear on
your head?

Code this code
to the
Galaxy

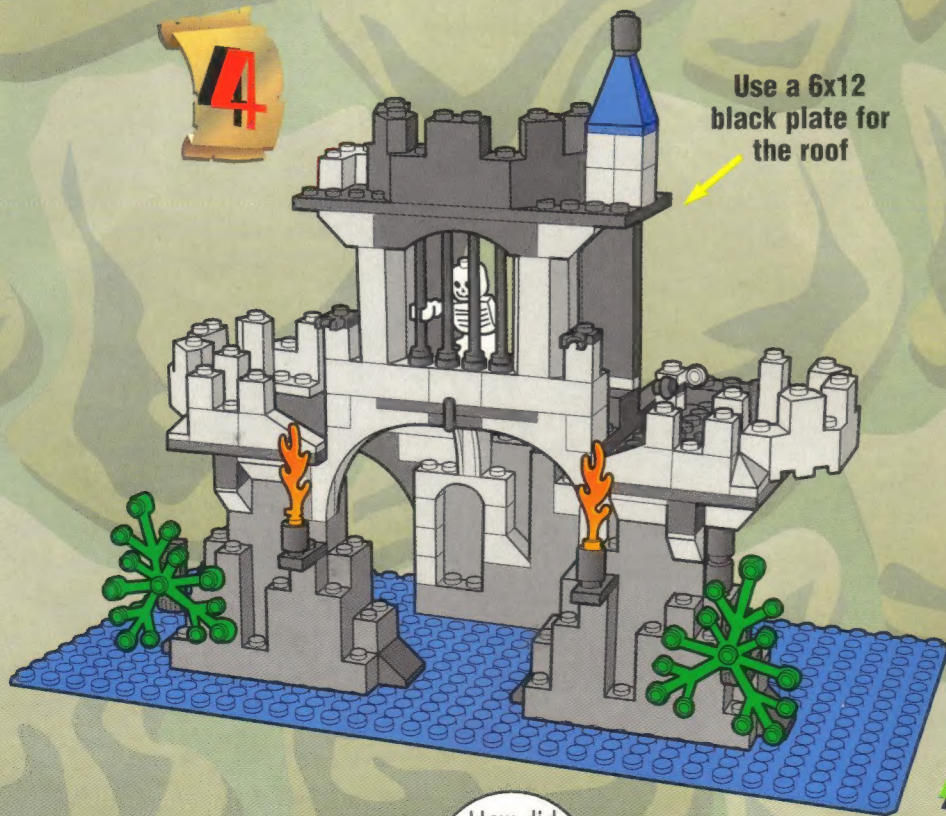
Try a blue
lens here.



COOL CASTLE

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Use a 6x12 black plate for the roof



One Set Twice the Fun!

Now you can turn the #6078 Royal Drawbridge into a castle! You'll find all the pieces you need in #6078 or use pieces from your own collection.



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Add the finishing touches and like magic, you've turned a drawbridge into a castle!

How did the skeleton know it was going to rain?

Try a red lense here.



JEFF HARIU OF WISCONSIN AND AARON CARSON OF SOUTH DAKOTA BUILT SOME ROYALLY COOL CASTLES, WHICH INSPIRED THIS COOL CREATION.



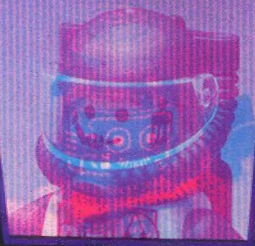
Jeff's "Castle of Camelot"



Aaron's "Majisto's Magical Palace"



Hold a RED lens up to your eye to reveal an alien!



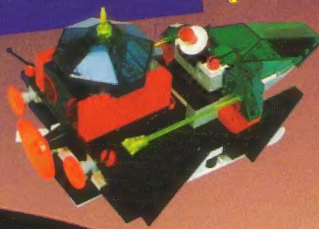
Is anybody out there?

Lookin' for Aliens



You're cruising through the Whirlpool Galaxy in your Explorien Starship. You flip on the heat scanning tool and begin searching for signs of alien life. Suddenly, there's a blip on screen. You switch on the alien clue decoder and the laser cannon, just in case the aliens are not friendly.

"Star Cruiser" by Daniel Pearl, age 10



Arecibo is a radio telescope in Puerto Rico, which is 1,000 feet wide!

The decoder starts flashing and you pick up a strange signal. You see some fuzzy looking pictures of an alien. The alien appears to be a man dressed as a carrot. He says, "Take me to your leader, Earthling." It looks like a really bad show from the early days of television. In fact, it is an old television show.

When television and radio shows are broadcast on Earth, their signals not only go into your house, they also go into outer space. Some of the first shows ever seen on TV are now more than 50 light-years from Earth. (A light-year is how far light travels in a year. Trust us, it's a long way.) Maybe that's why no extraterrestrials (ETs) have contacted us. They've seen "The Adventures of Okey Doky" or "My Mother the Car", and they think there is no intelligent life on Earth.



We've tried to directly contact extraterrestrials only a few times. About 25 years ago, we sent a coded radio signal called the Arecibo Interstellar Message to a star cluster far, far away. The message contained a picture of our solar system, a picture of a human being, and lots of information about Earth.

A few years later, we launched the space probes Voyagers 1 and 2 to study the far planets like Jupiter and Saturn. Right now Voyager 1 is about 6 billion miles from Earth and will soon leave our solar system. Both Voyagers contain special

Who's looking for aliens?



"Spytron"


By Taylor Timberlake, age 8
It took two days to build this robot, but it's packed with secret compartments, bad guy sensors and rad computers!



What are these things? Radio telescopes, that's what!

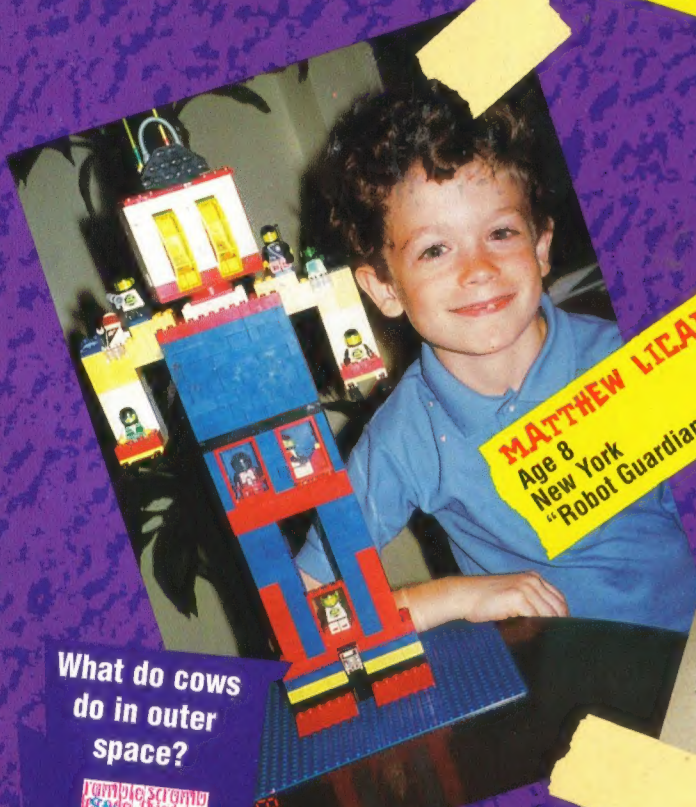
Stars radiate energy, which can be picked up by radio telescopes.

Strivus is the brightest star in the Milky Way Galaxy.



ELIZABETH MEDINA
Age 9
New York
"Pocahontas and Flit"

ALEXANDER JORION
California
"Castle Island"



MATTHEW LILARI
Age 8
New York
"Robot Guardian"

BRANDON SARGENT
Age 11
Wisconsin
"Space Sled"

What do cows
do in outer
space?

LEGO SCIENCE
CONTEST
HOLDING THE TROPHIES

Try a red lens here.

FEDERICO FELICES, Age 12
JAVIER VILLA, Age 12
Puerto Rico
"Paradise Island"

"COUNT THE COINS" CONTEST WINNERS

Sept. / Oct. MANIA Magazine

Travis Barlow - Wisconsin
Hannah Gogolski - Kansas
Melody Moody - Arizona
Curtis Alexander - Florida
Joshua Winn - Utah
Chris Schaffer - Iowa
Michael Greer - Connecticut
Jeff Nonn - Wisconsin
Joshua Popp - Illinois
Jacob Pofahl - Minnesota

the Adventures of the LEGO Maniac

SEND OUT THE PLANETARY DE-CODER TO SEARCH FOR CLUES.

MANIAC, OUR DROID HAS BEEN ROBO-NAPPED WITH AN IMPORTANT ALIEN CLUE.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO LOCATE HER BEFORE THE ROBO-NAPPER GETS THE CLUE.

I'LL GET THE EXPLORIEN STARSHIP FIRED UP AND MEET YOU AT THE MILKY WAY.

oops, I HIT THE LASER CANNON INSTEAD OF THE STARTER.

HEY NOVA, YOUR KLUTZINESS PAID OFF. YOU JUST KNOCKED OFF A CLUE. WE'LL CHECK IT OUT WITH THE EXPLORIEN CLUE DE-CODER.

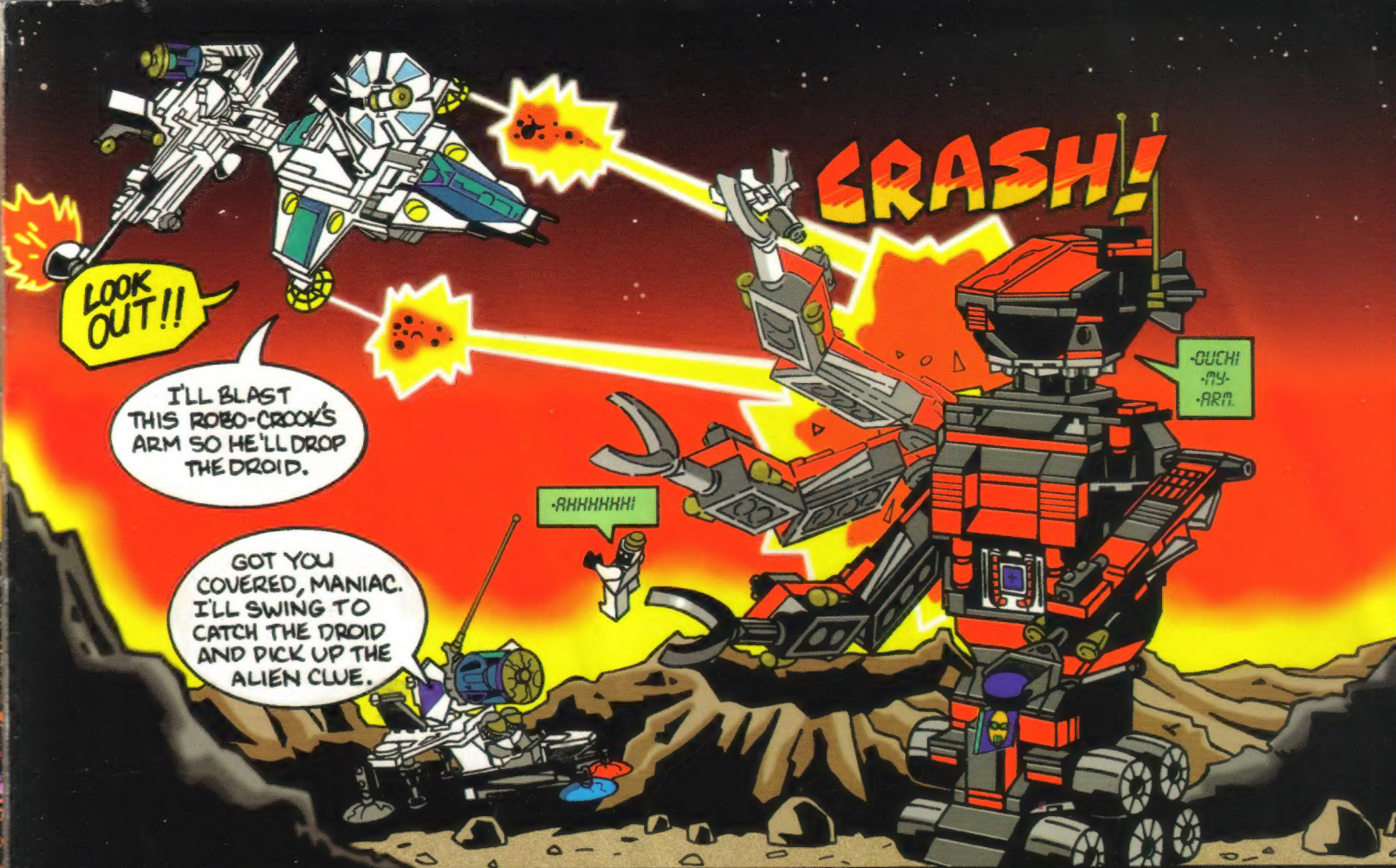
HEY LOOK... IT'S ANOTHER ALIEN CLUE, AND A ROBO GUARDIAN DISC TOO!

MANIAC, THIS IS NOVA HUNTER, FORGET THE MILKY WAY. WE'LL MEET YOU AT PLANET SPYRIUS. THE ROBO GUARDIAN IS THE ROBO-NAPPER!

AFFIRMATIVE NOVA HUNTER. MY SATELLITE JUST PICKED UP A MESSAGE FROM THE DROID.

SHE'S ON THE PLANET SPYRIUS.





CRASH!

LOOK OUT!!

OUCH!
MY
ARM.

I'LL BLAST
THIS ROBO-CROOK'S
ARM SO HE'LL DROP
THE DROID.

AHHHHHHH!

GOT YOU
COVERED, MANIAC.
I'LL SWING TO
CATCH THE DROID
AND PICK UP THE
ALIEN CLUE.

AFTER LANDING HIS EXPLORIEN
STARSHIP - THE MANIAC ACTS
QUICKLY TO ENTRAP THE
ROBO GUARDIAN.
HE USES PARTS OF HIS
STARSHIP TO BUILD A
SUPER STRONG
ROBO CAGE.

GOTTA
BUILD
LIKE--

CRAZY!

THAT OUGHT TO HOLD
HIM FOR A FEW THOUSAND
LIGHT YEARS.

GREAT
RESCUE JOB
EXPLORIENS.

THANKS
A LOT
MANIAC.

VOTE FOR THE EXPLORIENS.
WE ARE THE BEST.
LOOK-ON PAGE 15.
FOR THE LEGO CONTEST.

BY MY CIRCUITS!
I'VE BEEN FRAMED.

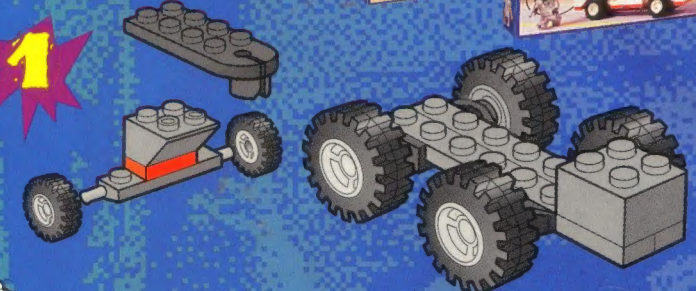
MORE

COOL CREATIONS

LAUNCH RESCUE ROVER

You can build the Launch Rescue Rover by using pieces from #6336 Launch Response Unit, #6614 Launch Evac 1 and #6516 Moon Walker or pieces from your own LEGO collection. Then, when you've finished the "Rover" use the remaining pieces from the 3 Launch Command sets and try the Building Challenge... "LEGO Mission Control."

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Bracket for fire hose



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THE BUILDING CHALLENGE

LEGO Mission Control

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Launch Rescue Rover is complete!

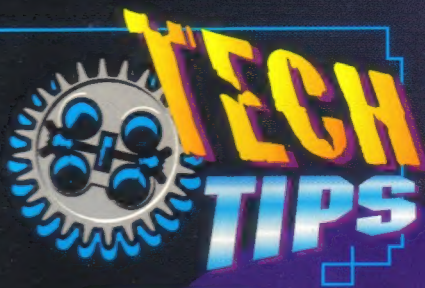


Once you've finished the Rescue Rover, you can use the remaining pieces from the 3 Launch Command sets to create your own "LEGO Mission Control!" Good Luck!

What does a red giant star drink from?

Try a blue lens here.

Try a blue lens here.



LEGO TECHNIC puts you in the driver's seat!

TECH
PLAY

Sand Smashing



SUSPENSION

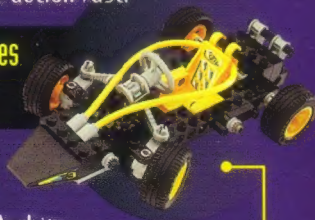
With Tech Play models, you can cruise sand dunes, race cars, chase bad guys, or skim the waves. These easy-to-build LEGO TECHNIC models feature large pieces so you can get to the action fast.

And remember that each LEGO TECHNIC set comes with building instructions for two models.

With its springy suspension, the #8207 Dune Duster bounces smoothly over the dunes, dudes. And its super steering system lets you do doughnuts, fly through figure 8's or just cruise.

When you want to do some real racing, transform the Dune Duster into a fast Formula Racer. Just start your engine and hit the pavement. Rev up the alternate Formula Racer with the #8720 Power Pack. The Racer's steering lets you hold the tightest curves.

Motorize the alternate Formula Racer with the power-packed Power Pack #8720!



Super Slick



STEERING

LEGO Technic

DECODE THE PUZZLE AND WIN A PRIZE!

HOW TO ENTER:

Use the clues to decode the puzzle and mail your entry form by March 15, 1996 to:

LEGO Decoding Contest
P.O. Box 1625
Enfield, CT 06083-1625

LEGO CLUB
P.O. Box 1157
Enfield, CT 06083-1157



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when you
purchase
either of
these new
Exploriens sets



#6958



#6982

Cool designs
on the front
and back!



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value!
Based on
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Home price.

